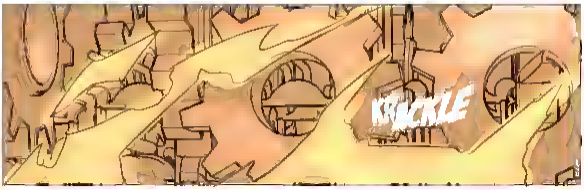
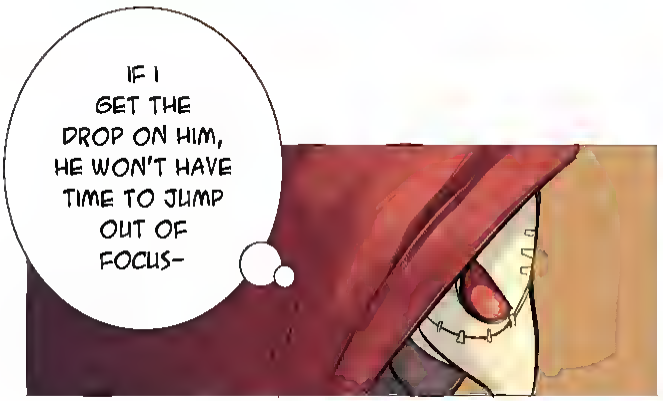



WHERE ARE YOU HIDING, BLACKBIRD?


IF I GET THE DROP ON HIM, HE WON'T HAVE TIME TO JUMP OUT OF FOCUS-

WOOP!
SAY CHEESE!

HOLD IT THERE, CROW!

STAY YOUR HAND...

OR THIS PIPSQUEAK GETS A CHEWING OUT FROM MY FRIEND HERE!
LUDMILLA!
HEH.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE CAGED,

BIRD.

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU BIG GOOSE. PUT THE EYE DOWN AND STEP AWAY...

TCK

SHF

KRUSH
THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT.

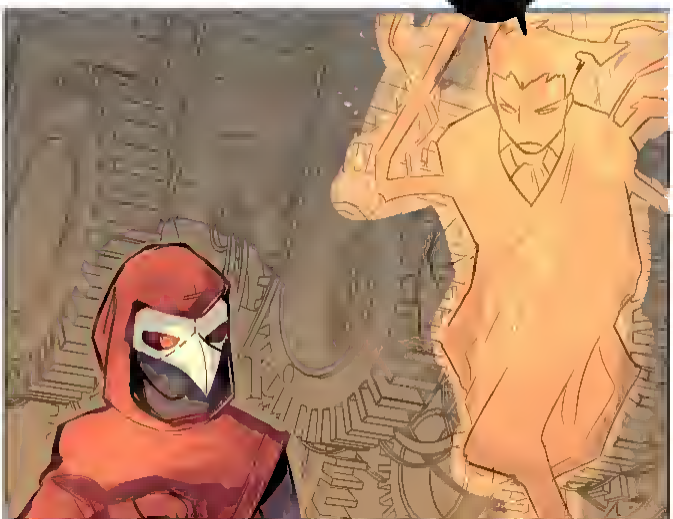
YOU GOT ME, KIDS.

NOW, LET THE REDHEAD GO...
YOU DON'T GET TO NEGOTIATE, DEARIE!
THIS WILL

FOR YOU IF YOU ARE SILENT AND WILLING!

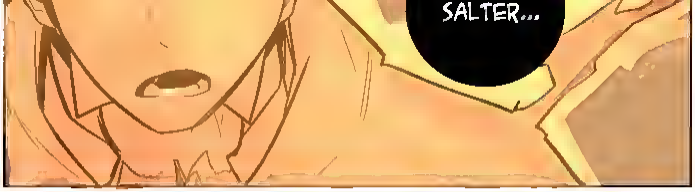
'WILLING'?

TO ASSIST US.



THE FINGERS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED FOR A SPECIAL JOB.
WE'RE MERELY A SINGLE COG IN A NEW MACHINE.
THE MACHINE OF REVOLUTION, DRIVEN BY THE ONE WHO WILL UNITE ALL OF DEADKIND!

'ONE WHO WILL UNITE...'
SOMEONE OUT THERE IS GIVING YOU ORDERS?
OUR LEADER PLANNED THIS OPERATION METICULOUSLY.
WE NEED A CROW TO MAKE A SPECIAL DELIVERY TO THE NEST FOR US.
TO TRAP YOU, WE EVEN KEPT THE WEAKEST OF OUR NUMBER IGNORANT...
FLIP


SALTER...

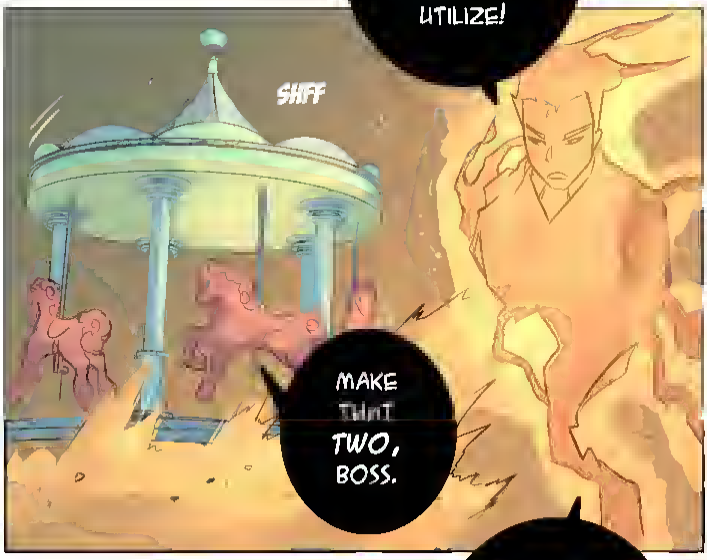
IS IT... TRUE?!

NOX!!
YOU KEPT YOUR HAIR THE WAY I LIKE IT...

CLIO...
OH, YOU DID SO WELL!
MY APOLOGIES, NOX. BUT I KNEW THAT YOU WOULD PERFORM YOUR ROLE BETTER UNDER A CLOUD OF IGNORANCE.

AND YOU DID WELL, LURING THESE CROWS TO THE 'RENDEZVOUS' SO THAT WE COULD TRAP THEM.

THANKS TO YOU, WE HAVE THREE LIVING BODIES TO UTILIZE!




STYX. YOU RETURN. WHERE IS THE YOUNGEST RED CROW?

HE GOT SOME SLAVE

SPIRIT WORKIN' FOR HIM. SHE HELPED HIM GIVE ME THE SLIP...
PWOOP

ANOTHER BONDED SPIRIT? AND HE HAD A COMBAT HUSK IN THAT CASKET, I'LL BET.
SALTER...
...WHY DIDN'T YOU TRUST ME?

THEY GOT A NEW PHOTOGRAPH DONE OF ME AN' EVERYTHING!
YA USED ME LIKE FISH BAIT!
YOU LOT STILL DON'T TRUST ME...EVEN AFTER I BEEN IN THE FINGERS ALL THIS TIME?

NO SELF RESPECTIN' SPIRIT IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD TRUST YOU, SQUID!
LOOK AT THIS SCRUB... HE COULDN'T EVEN CATCH A FLEDGELING AN' A WISP WITH A HUSK!
HOW WAS STYX IN ON THE PLAN, AN' I WASN'T?!

NOX, NOX... I'M SORRY IT CAME TO THIS, BUT WE HAD TO BE SURE YOU'D DO YOUR PART...

...AND TRUSTING YOU HAS ALWAYS BEEN TOUGH...
WHEN YOU WERE ALIVE, YOU WERE A CROW, AFTER ALL...

DAT'S RIGHT! HAH!
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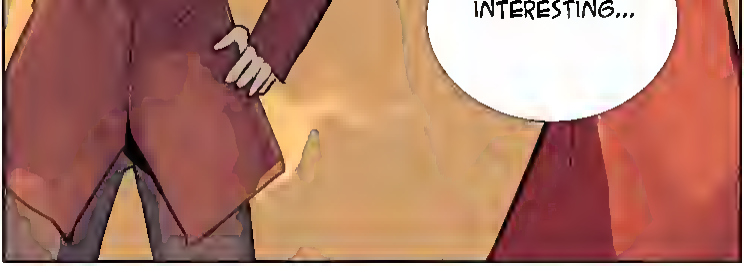

INTERESTING...

I PROMISE THAT AFTER ALL OF THIS IS DONE-
YOU'LL SEE THINGS OUR WAY!
ZHASP
HRRK!

ULP...

WELL? DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING?
A WHOLE LOT OF GUFF ABOUT A REVOLUTION...
FWIP

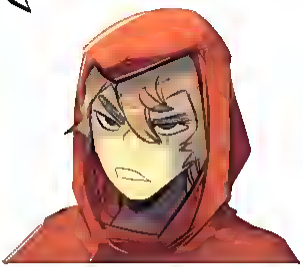
....DID YOU KNOW THAT NOX USED TO BE A CROW?

THAT OCTOPUS?

LIES!

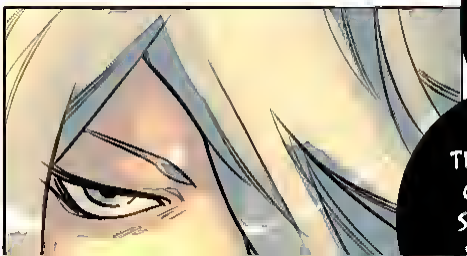
HOW COULD A CROW LEAVE A BAD SPIRIT BEHIND?!

PARTICULARLY SOMETHING AS DIRTY AS A POLTERGEIST!



AND YOUR FRIEND, ROOK...

THE BURNING GHOST DID SOMETHING STRANGE



TO HER.
HE... DISAPPEARED RIGHT INTO HER.
A POSSESSION.
THIS COMPLICATES THINGS...
WHAM

ENOUGH.

WINTER...

IT'S TIME YOU HAD A CRASH COURSE IN *HUSK OPERATION!*

RISE FROM ASHES